

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-23 and add new claims 24- 45 as follows.

a' Sub B1
--24. An aqueous composition, comprising:

water;

a plurality of electrolytes dissolved in the water such that the electrolytes have a concentration in the water of from about 223 mEq/L to about 12,940 mEq/L; and

an iron complex dissolved in the water, the complex comprising one or more divalent or trivalent iron ions and one or more anions and having a molecular weight of less than about 50,000.

2 25. The composition in accordance with claim ¹~~24~~, further comprising glucose dissolved in the water.

3 26. The composition in accordance with claim ¹~~24~~, wherein said plurality of electrolytes comprises a plurality of members selected from the group consisting of sodium ions, chloride ions and acetate ions.

4 27. The composition in accordance with claim ¹~~24~~, wherein said plurality of electrolytes comprises a plurality of members selected from the group consisting of magnesium ions, potassium ions, sodium ions, chloride ions, acetate ions and bicarbonate ions.

5 28. The composition in accordance with claim ¹~~24~~, further comprising calcium ions dissolved in the water.

⁶ ~~29~~. The composition in accordance with claim ~~24~~¹, further comprising a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, a sorbent and a surfactant dissolved or dispersed in the water.

30. The composition in accordance with claim 24, wherein the electrolytes have a concentration in the water of from about ~~6690~~ mEq/L to about 12,940 mEq/L.

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31. The composition in accordance with claim 24, wherein the electrolytes have a concentration in the water of from about 223 mEq/L to about 323 mEq/L.

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~~32~~. A method for making an aqueous composition useful as a dialysate or a dialysate concentrate, comprising, dissolving into water (i) a plurality of electrolytes such that the electrolytes have a concentration in the water of from about 223 mEq/L to about 12,940 mEq/L, and (ii) an iron complex comprising one or more divalent or trivalent iron ions and one or more anions and having a molecular weight of less than about 50,000, to provide an aqueous composition.

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~~8~~ ~~33~~. The method in accordance with claim ~~32~~⁷, further comprising dissolving glucose in the water.

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~~9~~ ~~34~~. The method in accordance with claim ~~32~~⁷, wherein the plurality of electrolytes comprises a plurality of members selected from the group consisting of sodium ions, chloride ions and acetate ions.

10³⁵ The method in accordance with claim ⁷~~32~~, wherein the plurality of electrolytes comprises a plurality of members selected from the group consisting of magnesium ions, potassium ions, sodium ions, chloride ions, acetate ions and bicarbonate ions.

11³⁶ The method in accordance with claim ⁷~~32~~, further comprising dissolving calcium ions into the water.

12³⁷ The method in accordance with claim ⁷~~32~~, further comprising introducing into the water a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, a sorbent and a surfactant.

38. The method in accordance with claim 32, wherein the electrolytes have a concentration in the aqueous composition of from about 6690 mEq/L to about 12,940 mEq/L.

39. The method in accordance with claim 32, wherein the electrolytes have a concentration in the aqueous composition of from about 223 mEq/L to about 323 mEq/L.

40. A method for making an aqueous composition useful as a dialysate or a dialysate concentrate, comprising:

providing a first aqueous solution of electrolytes, the electrolytes having a concentration in the solution of from about 223 mEq/L to about 12,940 mEq/L; and
introducing into the first solution an iron complex comprising one or more divalent or trivalent iron ions and one or more anions and having a molecular weight of less than about 50,000, to provide a second aqueous solution.

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The method in accordance with claim ~~40~~, wherein the complex is introduced in a predetermined amount, the amount being selected based upon the iron needs of a given patient.

42. The method in accordance with claim 40, wherein the electrolytes have a concentration in the first solution of from about 6690 mEq/L to about 12,940 mEq/L.

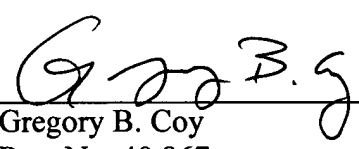
43. The method in accordance with claim 42, wherein said introducing comprises introducing the iron complex into the first solution in an amount comprising from about 1 to about 250 mg/dl iron.

44. The method in accordance with claim 40, wherein the electrolytes have a concentration in the first solution of from about 223 mEq/L to about 323 mEq/L.

45. The method in accordance with claim 44, wherein said introducing comprises introducing the iron complex into the first solution in an amount comprising from about 0.03 to about 10 mg/dl iron.--

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